

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Jonathan Phillips, Silk Hope Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice. *Absent:* Marcia Daniel, Councilmember

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator and Benny Gooze, Public Works Director. *Absent:* Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council Minutes dated 9/18/17 and the Executive Session Affidavit dated 9/26/17.

Staff Reports:

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's report for the month September.

Human Resources Director along with Mayor Bethune presented awards to employees Toni Layne, Tonya Roper, Crystal Russell and Jackie Jackson for their participation and achievements in the 2017 Wellness and Health Program.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's report for the month of September.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's report for the month of September.

Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's report for the month of September.

City Manager's Updates & Hurricane Irma: City Manager said the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has requested a letter of support from the City for a grant for the Dean Forest Road reconstruction. He said we are happy to help and staff will work to get the letter back to GDOT this week.

City Manager said the City has much less impact from Hurricane Irma. Storm debris pick up is going well and we should get finished with the first pass by the middle of October. He said I would like to thank the

critical workforce staff of the Public Works Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Executive Department, Planning & Zoning Department, and Water/Sewer Department for their dedication and efforts during Hurricane Irma. He said I am very pleased with the efforts of staff and staff is already working with FEMA. He said the water/sewer critical workforce staff dealt with a lot of issues to keep the pump stations running on the north end of town due to a power outage.

Mayor Bethune said the critical workforce staff did an excellent job. He said the water/sewer staff stayed at the wastewater plant during the storm to make sure that no one was without water.

Items for Consideration:

Second Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (2410 Spivey Avenue): Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and zoning map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone from a R-1 zoning classification to a R-2 zoning classification certain property owned by Christy Poole at 2410 Spivey Avenue; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for all other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted and approved by: City Council 10/16/17